



Colonel Ellen E. Forster assumed duties as the Deputy Commander for Nursing at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, September 2010.

COL Forster previously served as Regional Nurse Executive for the Northern Regional Medical Command. She commanded Reynolds Army Community Hospital, FT Sill, OK, from June 2007 to June 2009. Her other career duties include; Clinical Staff Officer, Health Policy and Services Directorate, Office of The Surgeon General, Falls Church, VA; Congressional Detailee on the staff of U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii; Assistant Deputy Commander for Nursing, FT Belvoir, VA; Senior Staff Officer, Office of the Army Nurse Corps, FT Sam Houston, TX; Nurse Methods Analyst and Chief of Specialty Care Clinics, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX; deployed as Head Nurse of Emergency Medical Treatment with 28th Combat Support Hospital, Port au Prince, Haiti; Head Nurse of the Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Department, and Chief of Ambulatory Care at Kenner Army Community Hospital, FT Lee, VA; Head Nurse of the Emergency Department, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC; Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Department, 86th Combat Support Hospital, FT Campbell, KY; Pediatric Staff Nurse at 121st Evacuation Hospital, Yongsan, Korea; and Surgical Staff Nurse at Letterman Army Medical Center, Presidio of San Francisco, CA.

COL Forster holds a Master of Arts in Education, Human Development, and Organization Dynamics from George Washington University in Washington, DC, and a Master of Arts Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

Colonel Forster's awards and decorations consist of the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the National Defense Service Medal, the Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Expert Field Medical Badge, and the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Colonel Forster hails from Durand, WI, and received her Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Nursing from Viterbo College in LaCrosse, WI. She was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps in 1982 and is married to Michael L. Loy, COL (ret).